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Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.34	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.46	7.31
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	5.59	7.44
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.03	7.48
Shing-shui...Dep.	7.32	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.23	6.13	7.58
Shing-shui...Arr.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.27	6.17	8.02
Shum-chun...Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.15	5.34	6.24	8.09

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-chun...Dep.	7.21	9.05	10.48	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shing-shui...Dep.	7.28	9.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	9.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	6.19
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.42	9.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po...Dep.	7.46	9.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	9.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat...Dep.	8.12	9.45	11.30	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...Arr.	8.20	9.08	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

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Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.25	3.29	7.10
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	8.45	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	3.35	7.19
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	8.57	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	3.47	7.31
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.11	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.58	4.02	7.44
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.26	9.53	11.08	12.58	3.00	4.04	7.48
Shing-shui...Dep.	7.32	9.27	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.11	4.15	7.58
Shing-shui...Arr.	7.38	9.33	10.07	11.22	12.52	3.15	4.19	8.02
Shum-chun...Arr.	7.42	9.37	10.11	11.26	13.06	3.21	4.25	8.09

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Shum-chun...Dep.	8.12	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.24	8.09
Shing-shui...Dep.	8.18	10.44	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.31	8.16
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.35	8.20
Tai-po Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.45	8.30
Tai-po...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.45	6.49	8.34
Shatin...Dep.	8.50	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.59	7.03	8.47
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## THE INDIAN OUTLOOK.

### EARL OF READING PAINTS ROSY PICTURE.

The London Daily Telegraph's Calcutta correspondent on December 16th, said:—Not for many years has the Viceroy been able to paint such a rosy picture of India's prospects as that produced by the Earl of Reading at the opening of the Associated Chambers of Commerce. A huge increase in sea-borne trade, railway earnings leaping up by crores, and good crop prospects are among the features that herald a general revival of trade. Jute and tea, particularly, are "basking in the sunshine of an abundant prosperity." The subjects with regard to which the Viceroy's views were most eagerly listened to by this conference of the commercial leaders of all India were: Budget prospects, currency and exchange, and Protection. Each of these topics Lord Reading reviewed with characteristic caution, but in a vein of confident optimism. It is understood that a substantial Budget surplus will soon be the subject of earnest consideration, the outcome of which will very probably be a decision to reduce considerably the contributions of the most heavily burdened Provinces to the Central Government, together with further reduction of the sentimentally hated but little-felt Salt Tax. It is hoped that Sir Basil Blackett will continue the courageous policy he has hitherto pursued. Nothing will do more to help those who are anxious to make the reforms a success in the Provinces than relief from the financial embarrassment which is at present strangling the activities of the transferred departments.

With regard to currency and exchange, many business men hoped that the Viceroy would say more. While recognizing the hopeful signs of economic convalescence in Europe and the indications that currencies throughout the world will soon bear a fixed relation to gold, Lord Reading did not consider that the time for action on the part of India had yet arrived. He thought it desirable that Government policy should continue to be one of watchfulness, and that no final commitments should be entered into. He vouchsafed no hint of an intention to take action to restore a fixed exchange or to appoint the new currency commission, for which, in the opinion of financial circles, the time is ripening.

### GOVERNMENT AND PROTECTION.

The most reassuring portions of the Viceroy's speech were those devoted to the various demands for Protection, and he let it be seen that there was no reason to fear that the Government would allow itself to be rushed into hasty and disastrous decisions. There is plainly no intention on the part of the Government to adopt a wholesale and indiscriminate policy in this matter. The Steel Protection Act was based upon an able investigation of the conditions obtaining in that particular industry, and its extension by a system of beautiful counter-vailing the fall of Continental steel and the rise of exchanges is accepted as a reasonable expedient by the Government. But Lord Reading clearly intimated that what has been given to steel (otherwise Tatas) will not be given to anything and anyone. He declared that every industry that demanded Protection would have to prove its case publicly before an impartial Tariff Board. There were signs that the careful, reasoned examination of individual cases had a real educative effect. Protection was no longer loosely regarded as an abstract proposition that could be easily applied to every case as a panacea for all kinds of economic difficulty. The thinking public of India had, he said, begun to regard it in the right light, and to treat it as a strictly practical question.

Generally, the Viceroy's review of the outlook for India is the most encouraging that has been offered since before the war, and there is all the more reason to hope for the fulfilment of the forecast of prosperous times now that the seditious movement is being firmly handled, and a stable Government at home provides assurance against reckless concessions to the clamour of the extremist political group.

### THE RIGHT TO KILL.

LORD HEWART ON MAN'S DEFENCE OF HOME.

APPEAL COURT QUASHES A SENTENCE.

In quashing a sentence of 12 months' hard labour passed on Israel Hussey, a coloured man, for unlawful wounding, the Lord Chief Justice Lord Hewart, said at the Court of Criminal Appeal London:—

The law is that in defence of his house the owner or his family may kill a trespasser who would forcibly dispossess him in the same manner as he might, by law, kill in self-defence a man who attacks him personally. In defending his house he need not retreat as in other cases of self-defence, for this would be giving up his house to his adversary.

In this case that important distinction was not brought to the jury's attention, so that there may have been a miscarriage of justice.

Hussey was released and expressed his pleasure by praying Heaven "to bless your lordships."

In his review of the case, Lord Hewart said it appeared that Hussey had been ordered to vacate his room, but he refused to go without proper notice. Two people attempted to turn him out, taking as a method of persuasion a hammer, a spanner, a poker, and a chisel, and Hussey fired a revolver through a hole in the door, injuring his assailants.

His case was that he had to protect his wife and family, and he produced to the police a seven-chambered revolver, while in his pocket was a pamphlet entitled "The New Rent Act Explained."

## LEADING GOLFERS OF 1924.

### WHY SIR E. HOLDERNESS IS THE BEST AMATEUR.

[BY HARRY VARDON.]

It is interesting, as well as instructive at the end of every year to cast the mind back over the preceding twelve months and recall the outstanding players of the season and the methods by which they attained pre-eminence.

I suppose, for example, that there can be no doubt of the qualification of Sir Ernest Holderness to be regarded as the leading amateur, for he has won the amateur championship for the second time in three years. This, of course, is a great achievement in the stress of modern competition.

Where Sir Ernest Holderness seems to me to excel his rivals is that he is never off his balance. In this respect he may be said to be like the foremost professionals. You never see him, for instance, with one foot more or less off the ground, and that is a very common fault, especially among the slashing young school of amateurs, who are content to sacrifice safety, direction, equilibrium, and everything else in their desire for length.

### TOLLEY'S ADVANCE.

Mr. Cyril Tolley showed that he is a better player than ever by winning this year's French open championship at Versailles with the magnificent consistency of rounds of 73, 73, 74, 74, equals 290. It was a very great performance.

I watched Mr. Tolley a good deal during the British open championship at Hoylake, and was greatly impressed by his improvement. This, I thought, was especially noticeable in the matter of controlling the direction of his shots. I had not seen him since we were partners in the championship at St. Andrew's three years previously, and there was a most pronounced difference in this respect. Mr. R. H. Wethered is also an improved player in the same way. In fact, it appears to me that British amateur golf is steadily down after the period of rather wild hitting which distinguished it in the year or two following the war.

A player who strikes me as being a possible amateur champion of the near future is Mr. W. A. Murray, the Scottish international. It is, perhaps, against him that he is nearing the age of forty, but he is a wonderful golfer considering that he has undergone about fourteen operations to his head for shrapnel wounds. He is not a long driver, but what he lacks in length he makes up for in straightness. Moreover, he plays every shot in the game just as it ought to be played.

### A GREAT VETERAN.

I want especially to congratulate my old friend and rival, J. H. Taylor, on the wonderful showing he has made at the age of fifty-three. But for age and lambo, I really believe he would have won the open championship at Hoylake. He was hitting the ball better than anybody till these influences wore him down, and was well in the running until near the end.

Both the Whitbams, Charles and Ernest are going to be better even than they have yet been. They are not in the pan, because both have clearly demonstrated that they know how to play the shots that tell. Ernest is a specially fine iron shot player. He was, perhaps, a little unlucky in not preventing Walter Hagen from carrying the championship-cup to the United States again—he lost by only one stroke to the American.

I think that Abe Mitchell is the best golfer to watch, but there is still an occasional lapse in his iron shots which prevents him from winning. Directly he remedies this I cannot see who is going to beat him.

### THE SPRING HANDICAPS.

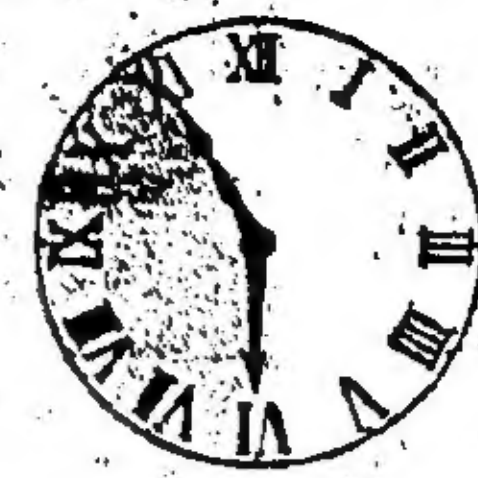
LARGE NUMBER OF FRENCH CANDIDATES.

A London telegram to Indian papers dated January 9th says:—

The Spring Handicap entries have just been announced. They are good in number and quality. There are 73 nominations for the Lincolnshire against 75 last year. The weights will be published on January 29th and the acceptances on February 4th. The Lincolnshire entries include Evander, last year's second, and Grave Fairy, last year's third. Although Sir Galahad III. has not been entered, he has been nominated. The best class of French candidates is represented by Tapin, who won the French Two Thousand Guineas last Spring. Capt. John, who won the race last Spring with Sir Galahad III., has entered Black Prince, about whom there have been very favourable reports. Mr. Macomber, in addition to entering several French trained horses has also entered Parth, the Jubilee winner, who would have a good chance even under topweight. Mr. Joel has entered five horses, viz., Greenfire, Pondoland, Pasha, Pando and Evander. The other entries include Dumas, Dawson City and D'Orsay.

Class is as usual well represented in the City and Suburban, for the entry includes the Derby winner Sansovino, Pharos, Verdict, Twelve Pointer, Parth, Conover and Tapin. There is also a brilliant array of talent in the Ascot Gold Cup, which the Frenchmen lifted last year with Maresin. This year the French entries seem likely to be held safe by such performers as Sansovino, St. Germans, Bright Knight, Easter Monarch, Picaron, Salmon Trout and Plack.

The last number of the Freeman's Journal, Dublin, which was established in 1763, was issued on December 19th. The paper has been taken over by Republicans.



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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts in their  
weekly share report dated January 30th,  
say:-

There has been very little business  
done in the local market since our last  
report of the 23rd instant owing to the  
Chinese New Year holidays having oc-  
cupied the bulk of the week, but prices  
for the most part have been well main-  
tained.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks  
are firmer with buyers at 2180, the  
London quotation has advanced to 2142  
(Midday).

Marine & Fire Insurances.—Unions  
are wanted at 231 after sales at this  
rate. China Fires have moved up to  
2180. Underwriters have been in good  
demand and have been placed at 22.45.  
Treasuries have moved up to 241.  
Customs have fetched 275. Hongkong  
Fires remain steady at 2715.

Shipping.—Union Waterboats were re-  
ported sold at 230.10, but buyers are  
only offering 2181 at the close. A  
dividend of 1.23 has just been declared.  
"Star" Ferries have strengthened and  
could be placed at 241. Douglas Steam-  
ships are required for 258. Hongkong,  
Canton and Macao Steamboats have im-  
proved to 259.

Refineries.—China Sugars have shown  
firmness and have risen to a buying rate  
of 263. Malabours have been put  
through at 239.

Oils and Mining.—Benguets have again  
changed hands at 22.30. Shell Trans-  
ports can be placed at 231 and Langkats  
(Combined) at 22.

Electric Companies.—Hongkong Trams  
have advanced to 241. Hongkong  
Electrics were negotiated at 244 in the  
early part of the week, but have since  
strengthened to 247. China Lights (Com-  
bined) are a turn higher at 227.

Docks.—Wharves & Godowns.—Hong-  
kong & Kowloon Wharves are slightly  
easier and have been put through at 221.  
Hongkong & Whampoa Docks are obtain-  
able at 213. Hongkong Wharves are  
unchanged at 210. New Engineer-  
ings are wanted at 215. Shanghai  
Docks are in request at 215. 108.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong-  
kong Lands have ruled steady at 2108.  
Realities have been booked at 22.40.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels (Old)  
were dealt in at 218.20 and the New  
shares at 217. Humphreys Estates  
have lapsed to a nominal quotation of  
222.

Cotton Mills.—Ewees have further  
weakened and were sold down to 215.  
13.30, but the market is again firmer  
with buyers at 215. 12.40. Orientals at  
215. 4.20 and Shanghai Cottons (Old) at  
215. 811 are unchanged.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements  
(Combined) were booked at 2281 and  
continue in request. China Providents  
(New) after sales at 23.55 have buyers  
at 201. The Old shares can be placed  
at 2162 while the Combined have im-  
proved to 2403. Watsons (Old) have been  
taken off the market at 222 and the  
New at 2142/144. Constructions have  
receded to 273. Taxicabs are in demand  
at 22.15 and Lane Crawfords at 219.  
Dairy Farms have been booked up to  
2202.

Exchange.—The T.T. rate on London  
to-day is 2/31 and on Shanghai 73.  
Forward Settlement Days.—24th Feb-  
ruary (Tuesday), 24th March (Tuesday);  
and 25th April (Tuesday).

## CHINA'S TRADE IN BONES.

HOW MAH JONG TILES ARE  
MADE.

It is to be expected among a people  
accustomed to extreme frugality that  
such an article as animal bone would be  
used to the fullest extent possible. With  
the many uses to which it can be put  
in this country, there is little, if any,  
waste of even small pieces of this by-  
product of stock-raising.

Bones from the cow, hog and sheep  
form an important item of Chinese ex-  
port trade, the chief points of shipment  
being, in their order, Tientsin, Hankow,  
Dairen, Kiaoehow and Shanghai. While  
these are the most important ports, about  
20 other ports figure in the trade. Dur-  
ing the first six months of this year  
Shanghai shipped to Japan 90,833 piculs  
of scrap bones, valued at Hk. Tls. 81,765.  
These are used almost entirely for mak-  
ing fertilizer.

Figures for exports from all China  
during 1922, the latest year for which  
figures from the Chinese Maritime cus-  
toms are available, shows that 730,320  
piculs, valued at Hk. Tls. 1,128,825, were  
consigned abroad.

Bone is put to many uses in China,  
perhaps the chief of which is the making  
of fertilizer. Lately, the making of  
Mah Jong tiles has consumed a consid-  
erable quantity of certain grades; in fact,  
domestic production has been unable to  
fill the demand, and abnormal imports  
of shinbone have been rendered necessary  
by the development of the trade in Mah  
Jong sets. Now more Chinese Mah Jong  
tiles are made of imported bone than of  
the home product. Last year Shanghai  
imported cow bone, largely of the grade  
used in Mah Jong tiles, totalling 20,180  
piculs of 134lb. each, valued at Hk. Tls.  
421,542. During the first six months of  
this year imports passing through Shang-  
hai amounted to 21,945 piculs, valued at  
Hk. Tls. 208,076.

Tourists are familiar with the vari-  
eties of bone articles on sale throughout  
China. Knife, brush and fan handles,  
beads, imitation ivory medallions, and  
cigarette holders are cut by skilled  
Chinese workmen in the northern as well  
as the southern parts of the country.  
Articles such as knife handles, which re-  
quire a clear, fine grade, are made almost  
entirely from shin and buttock bones.  
Chinese writing brush handles are made  
from the rib bone of the ox, while the  
thin knife-shaped toothpicks, much used  
by Chinese, come from cow ribs.

(Continued on next column).



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## CINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.  
"A Woman of Paris." Charlie Chap-  
lin's first serious film, won favourable  
comment at the Coronet last night. It  
revealed Charlie Chaplin in quite a new  
light as the producer and author of a  
picture of this type. The story of Marie  
St. Clair, the young and unsophisticated  
village girl, is not merely the figment  
of fiction. Her type is to be found in  
every hamlet, French or British; but  
it is the natural manner in which she  
plays her part that makes the perfor-  
mance so striking and above the common-  
place of cinema heroines. Marriage or  
luxury was the problem that Marie St.  
Clair had to solve when she went to  
Paris without her lover and fell in with  
Pierre Revel. The picture will be screen-  
ed again at the Coronet to-day.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.  
"Fools' Highway" a faithful pic-  
ture of Owen Kildare's life history  
as described by him in his famous novel  
"My Mamie Rose," now showing to good  
houses at the Queen's Theatre is colour-  
ful, beautiful in its simplicity and in  
its human interest appeal. To-day and  
to-morrow, the Manila Vaudeville Co.  
are presenting the following new pro-  
gramme:—Miami, Dimples and Millie,  
Trio; Dick and Ray, "That's Georgia";  
Miami, "Rose of Picardy"; Millie,  
"Lovesick Blues"; Dimples, "Old  
Fashioned Love"; Mr. Palapo, Saxo-  
phone solo; Mr. Andres, Piano solo;  
Sketch, Vodavil, agencies.

In preparing a raw bone for carving,  
the Chinese workman does not use a  
bleaching agent. He boils and cleans it  
and then bleaches it in the sun. After  
the hand carving has been completed, it  
is customary to soak the bone for a day  
or two in turpentine, after which it is  
polished. The turpentine adds a luster  
and fills the small pores, so that it keeps  
a better gloss.

Bones not having the size and grain  
suitable for manufacture are made into  
fertilizer, by burning, grinding, or che-  
mical processes. They contain a large  
amount of calcium phosphate, and while  
the Chinese farmer scarcely appreciates  
its chemical value, he has recognised for  
centuries that bone dust increases the  
productivity of his land, just as he  
learned without a knowledge of chem-  
istry to be an expert in the use of other  
fertilising agents. The bone is applied  
to the soil as an ash or a powder or after  
treatment with sulphuric acid, in which  
latter case it is converted into a super-  
phosphate.

Farmers usually make their own fer-  
tilizer, buying 25 or 30 worth of bones  
at a time and burning them in their  
own or a community kiln. About Ning-  
po the farmers ask their village rep-  
resentatives to purchase from a dealer on  
a credit basis, the settlement being after  
harvest, when dealers send the collectors  
to the various villages. About Taichow  
it is the practice for farmers to buy  
directly, and for cash when they are in  
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### COMPANY MEETINGS.

#### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

The 20th annual general meeting of the shareholders in the Union Waterboat Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman (Mr. T. G. Weall) said: The Report and Accounts having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The year 1924 was a year of unusual activity and the balance sheet shows a profit of \$70,198.02 which the Consulting Committee recommended be appropriated as follows:—

Transfer to Special Repairs	\$ 5,000.00
Fund for Pipes and Staging	10,000.00
Transfer to Insurance Fund	10,000.00
Transfer to Superannuation Fund	10,000.00
Pay a Dividend of \$1.25 per share on 27,723 shares absorbed	34,653.75
Carry forward to new account	10,545.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$70,198.02</b>

The Superintendent's Report shows the Fleet to be in good condition. Owing to delay in completing the new basin under the Government Scheme, extensive repairs will be necessary to your Pipe Lines at Laichikok which you will remember were temporarily repaired after the 1923 typhoon. This accounts for the appropriation of \$3,000 recommended.

The Chairman told you at the last meeting that we contemplated building a new boat. This is now nearing completion and should be in commission in March, and the addition to our Fleet will facilitate the regular docking and repairs which have been very difficult to arrange in the past year.

In explanation of the amount transferred to Insurance Fund, I would say that the Fleet, which is now getting old, cannot be insured for replacement value which is in the neighbourhood of \$500,000. Your Insurance Fund which now stands at \$44,000 therefore needs further building up. We have also considered it wise to start a Superannuation Fund to provide for the time when it will be necessary in some way to compensate your Staff after many years of faithful service.

You may consider the policy of your Consulting Committee to be too conservative, but I would warn you that many of your boats are twenty years old and will need to be gradually replaced. Although their book value is very well written down, we must conserve our resources to meet the cost of rebuilding. Before proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that may be asked.

There were no questions, and the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. L. S. GREENHILL seconded, and the report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Mr. W. HARDWICK proposed the confirmation of the appointment to the Consulting Committee of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie in the place of Mr. A. O. Lang (resigned). Mr. VAN EPS seconded and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Mr. O. RIBEIRO proposed and Mr. A. S. D. CONSLAND seconded that Messrs. Linstead and Davies be re-elected as auditors, and this was carried unanimously.

Those present were: Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman), Mr. W. Addison, Mr. C. G. S. Mackie and Mr. Y. Yamamoto (Consulting Committee) and the following shareholders: Messrs. W. Hardwick, O. Ribeiro, G. R. Edwards, L. S. Greenhill, W. E. Van Eps, Y. Tsutsumi and A. S. D. Consland.

### RURAL LAND INVESTMENT CO., LIMITED.

The statutory meeting of the Rural Land Investment Company, Limited, was held yesterday morning at the Asiatic Building, under the chairmanship of Mr. Fred Ellis.

The Chairman said: This is the Statutory Meeting of this Company, held in order to comply with the provisions of the Hongkong Companies Ordinance 1911. The report having been in your hands for the required period, I will, with your permission, take it as read.

I would like to point out to you that your Company has been launched to develop certain suburban properties that it has acquired, by building upon them commodious and up-to-date European flats. Your directors feel that there is a want for this type of houses, as there must be a lot of people in this Colony who would prefer to retire to a home in the suburbs after the day's toil is over, where living and atmospheric conditions are healthier, away from the din and noise of the City.

From the report you will observe that the number of shares allotted is 52,500. These shares are all fully paid up.

#### PROPERTIES AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

R.B.L. No. 73, situated at the Peak, comprises an area of a little over an acre. On this property 24 flats are in course of construction. R.B.L. Nos. 230, 231, 232 and 233.—The joint total area of these lots, situated along Pokfulam Road, represents over 300,000 square feet, and plans of the flats we propose building are now in preparation. Inland Lot No. 2247.—This lot is situated along Stubbs Road, and has an area of approximately 30,000 square feet. We propose to build on this lot 8 flats with tennis courts.

The Chairman proposed that the accounts and report be adopted. Mr. L. A. Tobias seconded, and the proposal was carried.

Those present at the meeting were: Mr. Fred Ellis (Chairman), Mr. C. K. Hall Branton, Mr. Felix M. Ellis and Mr. Leung Yan Po (Directors), Mr. H. Streeton Hill (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. E. el Arculli, Fred Judah, S. Joseph, L. A. Tobias, C. M. Young, E. Mow Fung and Miss L. M. Souza.

### COMPANY REPORTS.

#### HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

The report of the Directors for the year ended December 31st, 1924, states:—  
Gentlemen,—The Directors now beg to submit to you their report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1924.

The net profit for that period, after deducting Directors' and General Managers' remuneration and including \$158,229.33 brought forward from last account, amounts to \$320,837.23.

Which the Directors recommended should be appropriated as follows:—  
Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share \$120,000.00  
Pay a bonus of 40 cents per share 60,000.00  
Transfer to typhoon floods insurance fund 6,977.23  
Carry forward to new profit and loss account 83,870.04  
**Total** \$330,837.23

Directors.—During the year the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang resigned on leaving the Colony, his place being taken by Mr. C. Gordon Mackie. In accordance with Clause 86 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. J. Scott Harrison, Mr. L. Pattenden, the very Rev. Father Robert, Mr. J. M. Alves and Mr. C. Gordon Mackie retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs. Linstead & Davis. Mr. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and Messrs. Linstead & Davis offer themselves for re-election.

D. E. CLARK,  
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 22nd, 1925.

#### HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

The balance at profit and loss account for the year ended December 31st, 1924, is \$1,021,878.63.

\$290,819.20 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$1,312,697.83 available for appropriation. The Directors will at the approaching meeting of shareholders recommend the following distribution:—

Pay a dividend of 80 per share	\$450,000.00
Pay a bonus of 5 per share	400,000.00
Transfer to equalisation of dividend fund	100,000.00
Carry forward to new account	362,697.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,312,697.83</b>

### TYPHOID IN MANCHURIA. SUCCESS OF NATIVE-MADE VACCINE.

The Manchuria Daily News in its issue of January 13th, states:—

According to an official of the S.M.R. Co. Sanitation Office, typhoid fever raged along the S.M.R. lines last autumn though for a time. It ran its worst at Anshan where a building used as barracks' quarters produced 40 cases in all. The total number of cases up to December from April last year was twice as large as in the whole of the preceding year.

The Chinese seem comparatively immune from typhoid. Most of them are infected through young, and get off rather lightly, many of them without calling in professional aid. As one gets older, one seems to become immune by degrees.

The Japanese are in the habit of taking raw or uncooked vegetables, fruits, and fish, specially, "tai" sole, and bonito. All these coming through the Chinese hands, are too often infected with the bacilli, which are apt to find their way into the system unawares.

From past experience, the local typhoid seems to be of more malignant character than what appears in the patients. It may be that an epidemic transmitted from a person of a different race is inclined to be more malignant.

The S.M.R. Co. has been vaccinating people with vaccine obtained in Japan. An opinion is abroad that the native typhoid may be combated more effectively with vaccine made locally.

Acting on this theory, native-made vaccine has been employed for the first time this season with perfect results, none of the vaccinated having been known to be infected. In fact, one or two cases appeared while the patients were in course of vaccination, but the immunizing effect of the operation is to begin a fortnight after the vaccination.

Native-made vaccine is to be applied more extensively, say, in June and July next, prior to the customary period of prevalence.

### THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION. HONGKONG'S CONDITIONS ACCEPTED.

We learn that a satisfactory reply was received yesterday from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the cable recently despatched by the Hongkong Government, stating the conditions under which participation by Hongkong in the British Empire Exhibition in 1925 would be possible. An immediate beginning has therefore been made with the necessary arrangements to ensure that the Hongkong Section shall again be an outstanding success at the Exhibition.

### MEDICAL DELEGATES.

#### ENTERTAINED IN CANTON.

#### RECEPTION AT KUNG YEE MEDICAL SCHOOL.

A party of over eighty foreign and Chinese delegates to the joint conference of the China Medical Missionary Association and the British Medical Association, left Hongkong last Wednesday for an excursion to Canton and a visit to the medical establishments in the commercial capital and the most interesting city of South China.

On their arrival at Canton on Thursday morning they were met by representatives of the local medical bodies and were conducted in sedan chairs through the maze of Canton's fascinating streets to the Hackett Medical College for Women where they were shown round the college as well as the Turner Training School for Nurses and the David Gregg Hospital for Women and Children. From there the delegates were taken to the Canton Hospital which has the reputation of being the oldest hospital in China. The hospital is now maintained mostly as a relic of its noble past and it gave the visitors a good idea of how the old physicians had to work in the early days of the introduction of western medicine into China.

At noon the delegates were received by the authorities of the Kung Yee University Medical School and entertained to lunch. After lunch Dr. Lee Shu Fan, President of the institution, gave a most interesting talk on the history and phenomenal development of the Kung Yee Medical School which was started about fifteen years ago in a very unpretentious manner by a body of public-minded Chinese. The school now occupies a valuable site in the city with a large campus embracing a group of fine buildings, including medical school, hospital, laboratories and staff quarters. The school now stands out as the leading and most promising medical institution in Canton.

The valuation of the entire plant is quoted at over a million dollars. The yearly expenditure of the school and hospital for the past year was over \$100,000, but the hospitals have not only been self-supporting but have been able to turn over a substantial balance to the school each year.

SCALE OF FEES LOW.  
The Kung Yee School aims at providing high grade medical education in South China, using the Cantonese dialect as the medium of instruction and having as one of its primary objects the training of efficient medical men and women for the practice of western medicine in Canton and other parts of China. The fees charged are low, being only \$130 a year for tuition, but for every dollar the student spends, the Kung Yee spends four.

The commendable feature of this Chinese medical school is that in its endeavour to provide its students with the best medical education available it has enlisted the services of the best known teachers in Canton irrespective of nationality, and being a non-sectarian institution it maintains absolute freedom of religious beliefs.

Dr. Lin Boon Keng, President of the Amoy University, who was among the delegates present, made a short address thanking Dr. Lee for his kind hospitality. He made the significant remark that if western medicine were to make any headway in China and leave its beneficial impressions on the people, it must be taught in institutions like the Kung Yee, which is conducted by the Chinese and where the medium of instruction used is the Chinese language. He expressed the hope that the institution would be able to play a leading part in the future of western medicine in China.

Dr. Grosvenor, Vice-President of the China Medical Missionary Association, also thanked the Kung Yee on behalf of the members of his association.

After lunch the visitors were conducted through the attractive group of new hospital and medical school buildings within the Kung Yee campus. In the afternoon the delegates were taken to the Canton Christian College where a tea party was given, after which the party returned to Kung Yee where they were entertained to dinner by the President, Dr. Lee, and put up in the School dormitory for the night.

Yesterday was devoted to sight-seeing and shopping in Canton, and the delegates are returning to Hongkong in time to catch the S.S. *President Linshui*, which sails to-day for Shanghai.

### HOCKEY NOTES.

[BY "SHORT CORNER"]

A very enjoyable holiday game was played on the Marina ground on Monday afternoon when the H.K.H.C. "Non-descript" beat the "Naval Nomads" by three goals to one. It is not often that hockey can be played here under really cold weather conditions, but there was a nip in the air on Monday which added to the liveliness of the game. I imagine that one or two of the Navy side found the surface of the Marina ground somewhat unusual; at all events it came as something of a surprise that the Club defence were successful in keeping the score against them down to one.

The game clearly demonstrated two things: the strength of Navy hockey material this season and the loss which will be sustained by local hockey when Captains Newton King and Heyes Newington (both of whom played for the "Non-descript" on Monday) leave the Colony with their regiment in March.

The heavy downpour on Wednesday necessitated postponement of the "Shield" game between the Navy and the Club back against a Naval side (the Submarine Flotilla) and though out of practice performed more, than creditably in an unaccustomed position. Martin, Hett and Mitchell are all players who do not seem to find any difficulty in a change of positions, and Sim is a sound defender; so that the Club may be expected to appear on the field in none too pessimistic a mood.

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### LOCAL SPORT.

#### FOOTBALL.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

#### JUNIOR SHIELD.

First Round.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

East Surreys Reserves v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Pernon.

#### HONGKONG LEAGUE.

##### Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

H.M.S. *Tamar* v. Hongkong Police, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Kowloon v. South China "A", Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

South China "B" v. East Surrey Regt., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Pernon.

##### Division II.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Hongkong Club Reserves v. South China "A", H.K.F.C. ground.

Club de Recreo "A" v. Sacred Heart, Navy "A" ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Kowloon Reserves v. St. Joseph's "B", Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

University v. East Surreys Drums, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Moffett.

#### UNITED SERVICES COMPETITION.

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

H.M.S. *Despatch* Reserves v. R.A. Reserves, Navy "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Austin.

The Hongkong v. I.A.A. match will not be played.

Playing at Kowloon in the first round of the Junior Shield, Kowloon Reserves beat the Moslem Club by a goal to nil. Caville scored and the Moslems failed to level up on a penalty kick.

The East Surreys Reserves are due on the Garrison ground against St. Joseph's in the Junior Shield. The military team should reverse the result of the league game between these teams when the St. Joseph's won by four goals to one.

Kowloon are at home to South China "A" on the railway ground. Both teams will have some of their regular players away, but a good game should be seen ending in a win for South China.

The *Tamar* and the Police are due to play their return league game on the Happy Valley ground, and on present form the Police should win.

South China "A" meet the East Surreys on the Sookunpoo ground, and the military team should do better than they did in the first game, when they beat South China by four goals to love.

The junior games should end in favour of Kowloon, East Surreys Drums, Club de Recreo "A" and South China "A" respectively.

#### KOWLOON F.C. v. SOUTH CHINA "A."

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon Football Club in their first division League fixture v. the South China "A" on the Kowloon ground to-day, the 31st inst. Kick-off at 4 p.m. sharp:—A. Duncan; F. Wheeler and F. Reid; A. V. Turner, C. Caville and B. Fawcett; J. Clemon, A. Latham, J. McBride, S. Randle and S. G. Hayes. Reserve: B. Vickars.

#### NAVY v. ARMY.

Owing to the withdrawal of the Army and Navy from the Lal Wai Cup Competition, a Charity Football match, in aid of the Naval and Military charities, between the Army and Navy, will be played on the 31st inst., at Sookunpoo. Kick-off at 3.45 p.m. The following have been selected to play for the Army: Stanton; Doody and Jordan; Pether, Mitchell and Briscoe; Charlesworth (capt.), Eaton, Kimberstone, Butler and Macklewerth. Reserves: Caville, Turner and Harris.

#### RUGBY.

A match will be played at Happy Valley to-day between two teams comprised of Club members. With the advent of rain, enthusiasm of playing members has revived, and it is expected that two useful fifteens will turn out. In view of the fact that the Club meet the Navy on February 7th in the first of the Cup matches, the selection committee should find the match helpful in choosing a Club XV. Teams as follows:—

Colours:—Provost: Easterbrook, Stewart, Banner, Burns, Cox and Summers; Forryth, Focken, Beveridge, Garrod, Lyon, Davies, Russell and Johnson.

Whites:—Gauler; Skinner, Foster, O'Neill and Summerfield; Milne and Morrison; Jordain, Cleland, Burns, Moncrieff, Mackintosh, Jones, Murphy and K. Robertson.

#### LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. "A" v. E.C.C. "A."

The following have been selected to represent the H.K.C.C. "A" team against the H.K.C.C. "A" eleven on the Hongkong ground to-day at 2 p.m.:—B. Petheram, O. B. Raven, J. H. Hendle, L. A. Duncan, A. J. Kew, E. G. Ranton, W. F. G. Gorvin, E. J. Edwards, J. B. Cox, D. S. Green and J. C. Long.

Dand has already played right back against a Naval side (the Submarine Flotilla) and though out of practice performed more, than creditably in an unaccustomed position. Martin, Hett and Mitchell are all players who do not seem to find any difficulty in a change of positions, and Sim is a sound defender; so that the Club may be expected to appear on the field in none too pessimistic a mood.



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

## LAST NIGHT'S DANCE.

His Excellency the Governor gave a dance at Government House last evening. In Lady Stubbs' absence, Lady Severn accompanied His Excellency at the reception of guests before the dancing commenced. The ball-room and house were decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums for the occasion. The Royal Marine Band of R.M.S. Hawkins provided the music for the dances. A list of those invited follows:—

Mr. and Mrs. T. Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Van Andel, Dr. Dalnaby, Miss K. M. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Adamson, Mr. B. Ancoit.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. E. Bullock, Mr. J. L. Beck, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, Miss Bird, Capt. G. Barrett, Capt. C. G. Brodie, R.N., and Mrs. Brodie, Mr. G. Barra, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird, Mr. G. Beauvoir, Miss Baker, Miss E. M. Bain, Miss E. K. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Bennett, Lieut. Boyle, R.N., Mr. J. Bottomley, Lt.-Col. R. F. A. Butterworth, Miss I. A. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. F. Beith, Col. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Comdr. and Mrs. C. A. Browne, Mr. and Mrs. G. Beale, Lieut. and Mrs. Barrasough, Mr. H. C. Barry, Eng.-Lieut. C. R. E. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. S. Brown, Mr. P. H. Drake, Brockman, Prof. and Mrs. Byrne, Lt.-Col. F. S. Montague Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Mrs. and Miss E. T. Birkett.

Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Miss M. Cooper, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cressy, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Chalmers, Mrs. J. O. Carpenter, Miss G. M. Cotton, Lieut. E. W. Colegrave, Dr. and Mrs. Craig, Pay-Lieut. A. Churche, Mr. L. H. C. Calzup, Capt. G. A. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Christopherson, Miss Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Danby, Miss A. E. de D. Dyer, Mr. A. Y. Daniel, Flag-Lieut. E. Dargersfield, Lt.-Comdr. Durnford, R.N., Capt. H. C. Davenport, Dr. and Mrs. Eadie, Lieut. E. Edmondstone, R.N., Vice-Admiral Sir Allan E. Evered, Mr. and Mrs. H. Major-General Sir John and Lady Fowler, Miss A. S. Fraser, Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, Miss G. Fothergill, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mr. R. Foster, Mr. G. Fawcett.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, His Honour Mr. Justice and Mrs. H. H. Gompertz, Mrs. and Miss Gibson, Miss J. Gray, Sir H. Gollins, Mr. and Mrs. H. Green, Pay-Lieut. Eversley Green.

Hon. Mr. Hallifax, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holynak, Miss Joyce, and Miss Dorothy Holynak, Mr. George Hogg, Mr. S. O. Hill, Mr. W. W. Hornell, Mr. J. G. Hunt, Capt. G. Howwood, Surg-Comdr. and Mrs. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Manolo Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hamilton, Mr. W. H. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. B. C. E. Hawkins, Lieut. H. L. C. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Henry, Miss M. B. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Miss F. M. A. Hughes, Lt.-Comdr. Conway Hake, Miss Hones, Mr. A. S. Eton, Mr. F. C. Hall, Lt.-Comdr. G. F. Holo, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hills, Lieut. H. G. B. Hayter, Lt.-Comdr. F. E. P. Hutton, Capt. B. S. Hey, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. B. Hancock, Capt. Hailey.

Miss Irving, Mr. Bulmer Johnson, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., and Mrs. Kemp, Miss Kemter, Miss Kellar, Mrs. and Miss Kremer, Lieut. D. C. Kinlock, Mr. and Mrs. the Misses King, Miss G. Kennedy.

Mr. H. A. and Miss Lamont, Mr. W. M. Lyons, Mr. D. C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Lucy, Major R. R. Lewis, R.A.M.C., and Mrs. Lewis, Capt. W. U. C. Lake, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. Lambert, Miss Lewis, Mr. Layton, Lt.-Comdr. Lockhart Stewart.

Dr. and Mrs. Minett, Mr. T. Megarry, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. Miskin, Lieut. Mansergh, R.N., Dr. and Mrs. W. E. A. Moore, Mr. A. H. and Mrs. W. W. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Finlay and Miss Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Murray, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. N. Matheson, M. et. Mdm. M. Montargis, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Macalpine, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. E. MacKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Millett, Mr. McKichan, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Meacock, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McClay, Mr. J. M. McIlutchoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Martin, Mr. C. M. McDonald, Capt. and Mrs. J. Macready, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mackie, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. May, Lieut. G. C. de V. Moss, Mrs. McMichael, Miss McDonald, Miss M. J. Munro, Mrs. Alex. MacKenzie.

Mr. R. A. C. and Miss North, Rev. and Mrs. Northcott, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Nibbel, Mr. T. S. B. Nicoll, Miss M. W. Newsome, Mr. and Mrs. E. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, Capt. E. A. Heyes Newington, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Noble, Lieut. H. S. J. Nicolson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. North.

Lieut. and Mrs. Orm, Mr. and Mrs. Orme, Pay-Lieut. Orwin, Major T. T. Oakes, Capt. and Mrs. Oxspring, Mr. and Mrs. T. Orton, Pay-Comdr. C. B. Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. H. Oliver.

Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. F. A. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. V. O. Padwick, Mr. J. T. Prior, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. H. R. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pasterden, Surg-Lt.-Comdr. H. L. Perrine, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Prosser, Major and Mrs. R. B. S. Paton, Major and Mrs. F. H. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Miss Peck, Dr. W. W. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Pfordten, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Major and Mrs. E. A. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pethick, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Purves, Dr. and Mrs. Paterson, Mr. Campbell Prosser, Capt. N. C. Parkes, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Pope, Lieut. and Mrs. C. R. Oake, Miss Perivall, Mr. P. A. Pollock, Comdr. H. Pott, Mr. P. O. Pott, Mr. A. H. Potts, Miss Hutton Potts, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Parnon, Miss Potter, Miss Poplow, Comdr. A. G. Peace, Lieut. N. J. Pisan.

Mons. and Mde. T. de Quievrecourt.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam, Mr. C. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ealston, Mr. I. Maikin, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. T. A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. de Rome, Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, Comdr. H. B. Robinson, Lieut. O. W. Richards, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ross, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roden, Lieut. J. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rodgers, Major P. Rashleigh, Mr. A. B. Raworth, Eng.-Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. S. Robins, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Reeve, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Russell, Mr. R. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Rouse, Pay-Comdr. N. F. Roy, Major and Mrs. A. M. Rotherum, Lieut. H. H. Rogers, R.N., Mr. E. W. Reid, Mr. Redmond, Pay-Comdr. A. C. Roe, R.N., Mr. H. A. and Miss Dorothy Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowes Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Hon. Sir Claude and Lady Severn, Capt. M. G. Stargis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Orpen Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Smith, Miss C. M. Shaw, Comdr. and Mrs. M. Maxwell Scott, Miss S. Shaw, Major and Mrs. Hattersley Smith, Capt. G. W. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sellers, Mons. and Mde. Schindler, Mr. W. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, Lieut. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mr. G. and Miss Stubbings, Lieut. D. A. Searle, Dr. J. H. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Schellhorn, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smit, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Scott, Capt. G. E. Swinton, Eng.-Comdr. and Mrs. H. B. Sears, Mr. W. T. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. J. Orum Sheppard, Prof. S. H. Stump, Lieut. G. M. G. Simpson, R.N., Mr. W. Sinclair, Lieut. and Mrs. P. W. Southern, Lieut. L. M. Shadwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, Lieut. A. J. Sugden, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. L. Sheaton, Dr. and Mrs. A. G. M. Severn, Mr. J. K. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Whyte Smith, Lieut. H. Spragg, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Salter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw, Mr. W. W. Lockhart Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton Smith, Mr. F. D. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. N. Smith, Lieut. W. D. Stephens, Mr. J. Middleton Smith, Miss Stobart, Comdr. L. A. Spooner, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. C. M. Stephen, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Comdr. Mrs. and Miss Stirling, Lieut. R. H. Y. Sivewright, Lieut. J. F. H. Sawyer, Major and Mrs. D. McEl Slater, Mr. E. T. R. Sample.

Mr. A. W. Tickle, Mr. B. W. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Tinson, Sir Eric and Lady Stuart Taylor, Sir and Lady Skinner Turner, Major L. Chervix Trench, Mr. E. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. R. R. Todd, Capt. and Mrs. W. J. and the Misses Thompson, Miss E. Tazartez, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Tolley, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Tratman, Mr. and Mrs. C. and Miss Thwaites, Mr. and Mrs. F. Tyson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. Trevelyan, Lt.-Comdr. C. R. Thompson, Comdr. E. E. Thomas, Mr. M. H. Turner, Mr. W. J. Terry, Lady Turner, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Tracy.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Ufford, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Valdon, Mr. C. M. Vase, Mrs. Vernon, Lieut. Colin Wauchope, R.N., Mr. K. Williamson, Mr. C. G. L. Whyte, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wedlake, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wodehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. R. and Miss Wade, Mr. and Mrs. Wallington, Pay-Lieut. A. Wilson, Mr. A. H. White, Major C. H. Warton, Mr. R. E. A. Webster, Capt. A. E. Watts, Capt. R. N. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. E. H. Williams, Capt. J. H. Wallace, Lieut. W. G. D. Weir, Mr. J. P. Warren, Lieut. B. Finch White, Comdr. and Mrs. H. Westmacott, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack, Capt. R. H. P. West, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Weall, Lieut. A. J. L. Whyte, Lieut. H. Wace, Pay-Comdr. G. W. Watson, Miss Wilson, Mr. M. Walk, Lieut. and Mrs. E. Watson, Mr. P. Douglas Wilson, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. M. Young, Lt.-Comdr. B. M. Young.

Matron and Sisters of Government Civil Hospital, Matilda Hospital, Military Hospital, Royal Naval Hospital, Peak Hospital, and Victoria Hospital.

## H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

On Tuesday, January 20th, His Excellency the Governor invited the following to dinner to meet Commodore and Mrs. Stirling. Mrs. Stirling was unfortunately unable to attend owing to indisposition. Commodore Stirling was accompanied by Mrs. Stirling and his Secretary, Paymaster-Lieutenant Church.

Hon. Sir Claude and Lady Severn, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Kemp and Mrs. Terry, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Cressy, Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Holyoak, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, Dr. and Mrs. Addison, Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Patten, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. McElderry, and Lieut. Stephens, R.N.

On Thursday, January 22nd, His Excellency, accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., dined with His Honour the Chief Justice.

On Friday, January 23rd, His Excellency gave a dinner at Government House for Members of the Medical Conference.

On Monday, January 26th, owing to a severe cold, His Excellency was obliged to cancel his engagements to attend the Interport Football match during the afternoon, and to dine with the Vice-Chancellor of the University in the evening.

On Sunday, February 1st, His Excellency will drive out to Fanning Golf Club to present the Governor's Shield and Captain's Cup to the winners of these trophies.

## SERIOUS CHARGE.

## GUNNER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Gunner James Ellement, aged 25, who is charged with a serious offence against an 11-year-old Chinese girl, was committed by Mr. J. R. Wood, for trial at the next Criminal Sessions. While awaiting his trial he will be kept in military custody.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF SEAT-HOLDERS &amp; SUBSCRIBERS.

## TO FORM CHURCH COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Seat-holders and Subscribers of St. John's Cathedral took place last night under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Senior Chaplain, and was well attended.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, addressing the meeting, said that as usual the report and accounts had been circulated, and very little special comment was required. They began the year with a deficit of over \$9,000, and notwithstanding the special appeal which the Church Body made to the public in the form of a circular, signed by two members of the body and himself as treasurer, he was sorry to say that the response was most disappointing, as only \$300 were raised. Naturally many of the circulars went to persons who were not members of the Church of England. About 200 circulars were sent out.

The question is to how best to obtain adequate contributions towards the maintenance of the Cathedral Church of Hongkong would have to be gone into very carefully. Personally, he was satisfied that the money could be raised in this Colony. He thought the only way they could do it was by a personal appeal. They had made an appeal by means of circulars, but that had failed, and it would be for the incoming church body to devise other means.

But to return to the accounts, the result of the year's working was practically the same. They carried forward a balance on the wrong side of almost exactly a similar amount to last year. But the outgoing, they would notice, showed a reduction of about \$1,000, but this was upset by charges in connection with the Senior Chaplain's house—\$745.

With regard to the Assistant Chaplain's Fund, the debentures amounted to \$16,000. The question as to what was to be done in the future with this money had yet to be decided. They had also received during the year a sum of \$2,000 bequeathed by the late Mrs. Bowker, which would be subject to investment in approved securities.

He would also mention that there would be a very considerable number of vacant sittings in the Cathedral, and he hoped applications would soon come in. He was sorry to say that he had to point out that subscribers were not keeping pace with the supporters of the Cathedral who had left the Colony, and he trusted this unsatisfactory state of affairs would be improved during the year. A great many old subscribers had gone and there was no one to take their place. The collections of church expenses showed a slight improvement, and donations were better than in previous years.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle pointed out that the \$9,000 debit balance from 1923, had been wiped out by a generous contribution from Sir Paul Chater, and donations had been sent by the Philharmonic Society and the Male Voice Choir.

Mr. Owen-Hughes proposed the adoption of the accounts, which was seconded by Dr. Saunders and carried.

The next item on the agenda was the election of six lay members to the Church Body. The following were appointed: The Hon. Sir Claude Severn, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. A. H. Compton, Col. Fitzgerald and Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Mr. D. E. G. Nicholson, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was elected hon. auditor.

The following were appointed to represent the Cathedral at the Diocesan Conference: Lady Pollock, Mrs. Shewan, Mr. Bullock, Mr. R. H. R. Wade, Col. Fitzgerald and Sir Claude Severn.

## CHURCH COUNCIL SCHEME.

The question of the advisability of forming a Church Council was raised by the Rev. T. B. Powell, Assistant Chaplain, who explained the duties of such bodies. He thought the laity should have larger representation, and in his opinion the Church Body was too geriatric. Such a Council as he suggested would be of assistance and help to the Church Body. It seemed surprising to him that the women of the Cathedral could not be elected to the Church Body, but the Church Council would help in that way.

The Organists governing the Cathedral organisation placed all the authority in the Church Body, and a Council, if formed, would be purely advisory. He would suggest that the Council consist of 25 or 30 members. Some 10 or 12 people had already consented to act on a Church Council if invited to do so. He hoped this question would not be shelved, but decided at the meeting.

Sir Henry Pollock seconded, and it was decided that a Church Council should be formed.

The Rev. Mr. Powell said that the people who had consented to act on the Council were: Prof. Forster, Mr. F. Clemes, Mr. L. A. H. Duncan, Mr. F. Zimmern, Mr. Andrew Cheung, Mr. S. M. Goddard, Lady Pollock, Mr. F. Mason, Miss Middleton Smith, Mr. E. G. Stewart and Miss Mow Fung.

Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., organized, then read his report, already in the hands of subscribers, on the year, and the two proposed schemes for repairs. One scheme, he said, involved the expenditure of \$4,000 and the other \$10,000. He advised them to proceed with the larger scheme and not go on patching up the organ. It was eventually decided to carry out the \$10,000 scheme.

Mr. Patten mentioned that the Senior Chaplain was going on holiday in a few weeks, and on behalf of the meeting wished him a safe return.

The Rev. Copley Moyle then thanked all who had worked for the benefit of the Church, and expressed the hope that the Council would stimulate enthusiasm.

## CANTON NEWS.

## [FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

## CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

The Canton-Hankow Railway, Kwangtung Section, with head office and general station at Wongsah, Canton, will soon be forced to curtail its freight traffic and issue passenger tickets at the risk of the applicants only, according to information from the employees of the railroad itself. The line, about 130 miles long, extending from Canton to Shikwan, the northern terminus, has not been able to keep up its proper repair and maintenance as desired by its chief engineer, owing to the lack of funds. According to Mr. Lam Chik Min, the maximum receipts of the line monthly amount to only \$240,000, while the military authorities have a standing order to appropriate \$94,000 monthly from its revenue regardless of the monthly income, leaving only \$144,000 for general expenses, which have never figured below \$180,000. Any extensive repairs will be impossible under the present financial difficulty. The attempt of the military authorities in the Kuomintang regime to borrow \$5,000,000 on the security of the railway is being opposed by the latter's former shareholders, who expect to regain control of their property upon the outgoing of the Bolsheviks, who "nationalized" the line on January 16th, 1923, and have been controlling it ever since.

## THEATRICAL SLUMP.

Canton, which usually has about 36 theatrical troupes in the Players' Guild, composed of actors whose names regularly appear on theatre programmes and placards, to-day is in the sad plight of seeing many once well-known companies eliminated from the list. There are less than 15 troupes with full members registered with the Guild at the present. While the heavy war tax on theatres, 30 per cent. on the receipts for each show, is mainly responsible for the fall of the troupes in number, the reign of terror in Kwangtung under Bolshevik rule has made shows on the road unsafe. Moreover, the popularity of motion pictures with expert advertising direction to further its hold on the Cantonese public may be considered an additional cause for the downfall of the native dramatic interests.

## KUOMINTANG MOVING.

By an order of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, given recently, the executive members of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, the party now controlling Canton Government, will transfer their meetings to Peking. Mr. Hu Han Min, acting Generalissimo of the Red Army in Canton, also an executive member, has not yet decided whether or not he will go to Peking. That the Kuomintang as a party will soon have to withdraw from the Canton Government is expected.

## SHAMEEN EMPLOYEES' GUILD.

The Chinese employees of the Shameen firms have just completed the formation of their new labour union, the formal inauguration taking place on January 28th. Chinese holding the more responsible positions in Shameen, such as comprador, senior clerks, and the like, have so far failed to identify themselves with the union, and the party organs of the ruling party in Canton are making unfavourable comments in connection with this fact.

## ANTI-CHRISTIAN MEETING.

The anti-Christian movement agitators these days in Canton have confined themselves only to the delivery of public lectures at the Kwangtung University auditorium against Christianity. The next lecture will be given on Sunday, February 1st, when Mr. Hsu Shung Ching, Commissioner of Education of Kwangtung Province, is expected to speak. Friends of Mr. Hsu, however, say that his name has been advertised without his consent, as invitation to speak has never been affirmatively replied to. Mr. Sun Fo, son of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and former Canton Mayor, before he departed for the North from Canton on Chinese New Year Eve last, said to his fellow members of the Church that the Kuomintang Party has never been and will never be against the Church, adding that both his father and himself are Christians. Mr. Sun Fo is a Baptist.

## STAR THEATRE.

## MAJUREL VARIETY COMPANY PLEASE PACKED HOUSE.

A delighted audience filled the Star Theatre last night to hear the Majurel Variety Company, which has come direct from the Folies-Bergues. Their entertainment was conceived on quite original and novel lines, and provoked demonstrations of applause for each item. The company is certainly a clever one in every respect, and it is not surprising that they earned so much appreciation.

The programme last night was opened by Majurel, the mainprising of the company which bears his name; he contributed a series of operatic songs in a manner that proved him to be an accomplished vocalist. His voice is a rich baritone, which was heard to great advantage.

He was ably supported by Mdlle. Yvonne Demay whose offering were French chansons comiques, which were well received, and were the quiet Arabian dances by Sergine and Ludo, which were executed with special scenic effects. Dugard, the comedian, was a host in himself and provoked continual mirth. The entertainment concluded with "Les Anaglyphes," a series of living movies, which were well staged.

The variety programme was preceded by a picture entitled "Innocence," featuring Anna O. Nilsson. The Majurel Variety Company bring their short season at the Star to a conclusion to-day.

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## CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FIGHTING IN MOROCCO.  
INTER-TRIBAL WARFARE MAY INVOLVE SPAIN.

London, January 30th.

The speech of General Primo de Rivera at Madrid emphasises the necessity of closely watching the war between Raisuli and Abd el Krim. It draws attention to the inter-tribal fighting which has broken out in Morocco and which threatens to re-involve the Spaniards.

It appears that after some mutual village burning by Abd el Krim's Rifians and Raisuli's men at Jeballa, the former demanded the latter should deliver up their arms. Subsequently they attacked Raisuli's sanctuary at Tazerut. Severe fighting resulted with heavy losses to both sides. It is reported the losses included Raisuli's son and nephew, who were wounded. Raisuli is virtually a prisoner at Tazerut, which Rifians have captured.

A Paris message states that a telegram from Tangier reports that Spanish air-men bombed Tazerut on January 27th. The message forebodes an early resumption of hostilities against the Spaniards.

## POLITICS IN FRANCE.

## FRENCH PREMIER FORCED TO COAX SOCIALISTS.

Paris, January 30th.

According to the newspapers, the Chamber of Deputies' vote of confidence in the Government yesterday was only obtained after strong efforts by M. Herriot to avoid a split in the Socialist ranks. The Premier is said to have told the Socialists that, if they abstained from voting as they intended, he would become a prisoner of the right parties and would resign.

## MORE ALLIANCE TALK.

## PROPOSAL TO KEEP GERMANY FROM TEMPTATION.

Paris, January 30th.

M. Herriot's speech and recent Soviet Press articles, suggesting the Russo-Japanese pact is a prelude to an alliance between Russia, Japan, China and Germany, has renewed discussion of an entente between Britain, France and Germany.

On this subject *Le Matin* says M. Herriot's guiding idea is that Germany must, at all costs, be prevented from yielding to the temptation of joining an alliance hostile to the European Powers. *Le Matin* declares Mr. Winston Churchill favours an Anglo-Franco-German entente subject to Germany's giving proof of peaceful intentions.

## OCCUPIED GERMANY.

## BELGIAN AND FRENCH TROOPS WITHDRAWING.

Paris, January 30th.

A message from Dusseldorf states that the Belgian troops have evacuated Darmstadt and Wesel.

The French military authorities have ordered evacuation of a large number of public buildings at Bochum.

## M.C.C. IN TASMANIA.

## HOME SIDE QUICKLY DISPOSED OF BY TATE.

Hobart, January 30th.

A crowd of 4,000 were present to-day to witness the return match between the M.C.C. and Tasmania, which was commenced in glorious weather.

The wicket was tricky at the outset, but latterly became easy.

Tasmania batted first, but the innings only lasted 80 minutes during which the total reached 89.

Tate took 6 wickets for 26, Kilner 1 for 22 and Freeman 2 for 31.

When play ceased for the day, the M.C.C. had scored 217 for the loss of 2 wickets.

Sandham gave a delightful exhibition for 82, scored in 7 minutes under the two hours. He hit 7 fours. Sutcliffe has scored 89 not out.

EARLIER CABLES.  
TROPICAL AGRICULTURE.  
LORD MAYOR APPEALS IN AID OF IMPERIAL COLLEGE.

London, January 30th.

The Lord Mayor of London presided at a luncheon at the Mansion House in conjunction with an appeal for £100,000 to support the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture.

A distinguished company was present, including the High Commissioners and Agents General.

Mr. L. O. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in proposing the toast of "The College," described its duties as world wide. The Minister of Health had said that the College since it was opened in 1922 had fully justified itself, and the Colonial Office recommended that opportunities and inducements should be given to our future agricultural officers to obtain a full course of training in the College. While the Empire Cotton Growing Corporation was sending all its officers to the College for their initial training, he hoped that every tropical portion of the Empire would eventually have its own agricultural university.

Sir Arthur Shipley, Chairman of the College, announced that among the number of gifts, the International Health Board of New York had offered £1,000 yearly for five years to establish a professorship of tropical sanitation and hygiene.

## THE LIBERAL PARTY.

## DELEGATES DISCUSS PLANS TO REVIVE FORTUNES.

London, January 29th.

Eighteen hundred delegates attended a Liberal Party convention in London for the purpose of discussing their reorganisation with a view to reviving the party fortunes.

Mr. Asquith (who is to become the Earl of Oxford) at the inaugural public sitting said he had not yet resigned the leadership.

Mr. Lloyd George said he unreservedly accepted Mr. Asquith's leadership, which he was convinced was essential for the preservation of Liberal unity.

## EMBARGO ON GOLD.

## MR. LEAF SUGGESTS BANKS SHOULD COOPERATE.

London, January 29th.

Mr. Walter Leaf, Chairman of the Westminster Bank, presiding at the annual meeting of shareholders, said it did not follow because we had reached a gold parity that we could immediately remove the embargo on the export of gold. This was due to expire at the end of 1925, and its non-renewal might confidently be hoped for.

Mr. Leaf asked whether the time had not arrived for a conference of national banks to formulate a scheme of co-operation as regards gold reserves, as suggested at the Geneva Conference. He added that the re-establishment of parity was of immense assistance to international trade.

## TEA SPECULATION.

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY ACQUITTED OF CHARGE.

London, January 29th.

In acknowledging the statement of the Co-operative Society on its tea market operations, which was asked for at the Food Commission, Sir Auckland Geddes acquits the organisation of buying tea beyond its legitimate requirements for the present and anticipated future needs, and he observes that the statement shows that no speculative buying had occurred.

## FATE OF TROTSKY.

## SOVIET EXECUTIVE ISSUE DECREE OF DISMISSAL.

Moscow, January 29th.

The Soviet Central Executive has issued a decree dismissing M. Trotsky from the post of Commissary of the Army and Navy, and appointing M. Frunze to be his successor.

## CAREER OF M. FRUNZE.

Michael Frunze, appointed to succeed Trotsky, is the son of a Moldavian peasant. He participated in the Moscow insurrection and was prosecuted under the Tsarist regime five times, being twice condemned to death and finally sentenced to ten years in Siberia, whence he escaped and organised Revolutionary "Cells" in the Tsarist Army in 1915. He later commanded armies against Kolchak and Wrangel.

## ITALIAN WORLD FLIGHT.

## MAJOR DEPINEDO TO START IN MAY.

Rome, January 29th.

The Chief of the Air Staff, Major Depinedo, proposes to start on a world flight in May from Rome via Athens, Egypt, the Red Sea, southern coast of Asia, Tokyo, Pacific Archipelago and Sydney, a total distance of about 55,000 kilometres.

Major Depinedo, who will be accompanied by a mechanic, will fly a 400 horse-power machine having a flight capacity of ten hours.

## M. HERRIOT'S SPEECH.

## PROFOUND SENSATION CAUSED IN GERMANY.

Berlin, January 29th.

Political and official circles are plunged into a sensation as a result of M. Herriot's speech, as to which profound disappointment is expressed at the "aggressive" words of a statesman hitherto regarded as an advocate of conciliation and peace.

The newspapers are very bitter. For instance the *Berliner Zeitung* in an article headed "End of the new conciliation era" says "the speech confirms the conviction that the French Democrats, Socialists and Radicals want the same as the French Chauvinists, namely a Rhine frontier and Germany's over-lapping political military and economic impotence."

The opinion is expressed that the views of nine out of ten Germans are reflected in the Press outburst, and thus it is feared that M. Herriot's speech will add many recruits to the Nationalists who assert the hopelessness of a coming understanding with France.

## TO PLACARD PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Paris, January 29th.

The Chamber has passed a resolution by 541 to 32 in favour of placarding the whole of France with M. Herriot's speech expounding the Government's policy regarding Germany.

## A STORMY DEBATE.

Paris, January 29th.

The Chamber resolution to placard M. Herriot's speech was accorded a big majority only after a stormy debate, which was once suspended.

Excitement arose owing to a section of the Socialists' threat to abstain in order to show disapproval of the alleged reactionary tone of M. Herriot's speech yesterday. Nevertheless M. Herriot today succeeded in taking sufficient edge off his speech to conciliate the recalcitrant Socialists, without alienating the Right and Centre Parties. The Premier explained that being obliged to attend a dinner yesterday evening, he cut out passages from his speech in which he appealed to the consciences of the free and peaceful peoples, especially Germany, in order that through the League of Nations an agreement might be reached providing an outlet for the present tragic situation, enabling all to work freely and peacefully.

## CRICKET.

## VICTORIA BEAT NEW SOUTH WALES IN SHIELD GAME.

Sydney, January 29th.

Victoria beat New South Wales by seven wickets, thus retaining the Sheffield Shield.

New South Wales scored 614 runs, Rock compiled 235 runs and Kippax 212 not out.

Victoria scored 502 runs. Liddicut obtained 132 runs and Willis 100.

New South Wales scored 152 runs, and Victoria scored 265 runs for the loss of three wickets.

Woodfull made 119 runs not out.

## VICTORY FOR JOEL'S XI.

Grahamstown, January 29th.

Mr. Joel's XI beat the Eastern Province by eight wickets.

The Eastern Province team scored 82 runs.

Geary took four wickets for 30 runs, and Kennedy six for 29 runs.

Mr. Joel's XI scored 212 runs. Munro took seven wickets for 81 runs. The Eastern Province scored 165 runs, and Mr. Joel's XI replied with 19 runs for the loss of two wickets.

LATEST CABLES.  
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## ON THE ROCKS.

## U.S. SUBMARINE IN DANGEROUS POSITION.

Portsmouth, N.H., Jan. 30th.

During a violent blizzard last evening submarine C-8, with a crew of twenty-five, stranded on the rocks at Jeffrey's Point. She has wireless that her position is dangerous and vessels are unable to reach her, owing to the blinding snow and heavy seas.

Efforts are being made to get a breeches body and motor across seven miles of snow-covered rocks to shoot a line to the submarine.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

## SELF-DETERMINATION IN NATIVE CHURCHES.

Washington, January 29th.

The Reverend Mr. Stanley Jones, addressing the Missionary Conference on self-determination in the native churches in non-Christian lands, said the workers in India were not trying to make the East a pale imitation of the West, but were offering Christ for the East to interpret for herself.

He said Mr. Gandhi had once told him that if missionaries came to India "as Christ came to the world" they would be irresistible.

Mr. J. H. Oldham, of London, pleaded for the elimination of race prejudice.

Other speakers included the Reverend Mr. McLaurin (India) and Rev. Mr. Hurlburt (Africa).

## POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

## SHANGHAI ARSENAL.

## FENGTIEN TROOPS TAKE OVER CONTROL.

Shanghai, January 29th.

Sun Chuan Fang's men this morning evacuated the arsenal, which was occupied by the Fengtien forces, who also held the Wooning forts.

There were isolated cases of resistance when the Fengtien troops disarmed those of Chi Hsieh Yuan here, but they were not serious.

It is understood that Chi Hsieh Yuan's troops will be repatriated.

## PEKING CABINET.

## WANG CHI KANG APPOINTED TO SHANGHAI.

Peking, January 29th.

The Cabinet, this morning, resolved to appoint Chang Tsung Jen Tapan of the Hsuehchow Port. Hsueh Yuan Hsian Tapan of Kiukiang Port Administration, and Wang Chi Kang Taoyin of Shanghai, vice Liu Chien.

## ANTI-OPIMUM PETITION.

## SHANSHI ASSOCIATION ON AMNESTY MANDATE.

Peking, January 29th.

The International Anti-Opium Association, to-day, forwarded a petition from the Shanhsi Association, of which Yen Hsi Shan is president, praying that the special amnesty mandate will not be allowed to apply to criminals convicted of opium and morphia smuggling.

The petition points out that the Shanhsi Provincial Assembly on three occasions discussed the advisability of imposing capital punishment upon such offenders, and considers that if drug smugglers are pardoned such action would not only encourage smugglers, but would discourage the anti-opium workers.

## JAPANESE DIET.

## FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES CRITICISED.

Tokyo, January 29th.

Business interests severely criticised the Government's financial and economic policies in the Diet.

In the Upper House, Mr. Raita Fujiyama, Chairman of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce, in the course of an impressive speech, while appreciating the Government's present efforts at readjustment, demanded that it should go further in order to stave off the impending serious economic crisis. He urged a small budget by the drastic curtailment of military expenditure, in connection with which he declared that the only war scare facing Japan was economic. He recommended a thorough revision of the Customs tariff, which had not been changed since 1908, and was incompatible with the economic conditions, and also the abolition of the import duty on foodstuffs.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Saito Muto, President of the Kanagawa Spinning Co., criticised the luxury tax, and urged the removal of the gold embargo.

## FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE OPIUM PROBLEM.

## THE "TIMES" ON EXPORTS TO FAR EAST.

## PRAISE FOR INDIAN METHODS.

London, January 30th.

Commenting on the Opium Conference, the *Times* expresses the opinion that too much opium is still exported to Hongkong, Manila, Japan and elsewhere. It says the Government of the Straits Settlements could, in the long run, hardly lose from the viewpoint of revenue if a more resolute face was set against the traffic; but until China puts her house in order it is difficult to make much progress elsewhere. As regards India, the *Times* says, if every State made the control as efficient, the evil would soon be reduced to manageable proportions.

It concludes by stating that the difficulty of the League is that international action at present is impossible in practice. At any rate for the moment, the British principle of local responsibility is the only sound one.

CHINA'S EMPRESS DOWAGER.  
SOME MEMORIES OF A MANCHU PRINCESS.

Intensely interesting glimpses of the life of the late Empress Dowager at the Manchu Court were given in a lecture delivered on January 13th to the Tientsin Women's Club by Mrs. T. C. White—the Princess Der Ling—whose intimate knowledge of those days imparted a distinctly human note to her address.

After describing in brief the early history of the Manchu dynasty, with a rapid survey of the events contemporary with her rise to power, Mrs. White described how the Empress Dowager plotted with success to place her son Tung Chi upon the throne. She brought up the young Emperor from the age of 4 to 19 when she found him a wife. He died, however, and in order to realise her ambitions she selected her sister's son, Kwang Hsu, as Emperor. Then came the coup d'état of 1898, Kwang Hsu was imprisoned, and the power of the Empress Dowager was firmly established.

## COURT LIFE.

The Court life was very amusing in many ways. Every morning, no matter what the weather was like the Court ladies had to rise at five o'clock. The Empress got up at 8 o'clock, dressed leisurely, and had a breakfast of milk and porridge, at which meal she was occupied in reading memorials.

At 8 o'clock she repaired to the audience hall. At these audiences many people were so scared of her that when she asked them a question they could not answer her. When she decided on appointments she merely asked the Emperor if they were all right and he invariably assented. After the audience she would retire, change her dress and go for a walk. It was very amusing to see her start off accompanied by her ladies—the Emperor never went with her—with a host of servants following behind carrying her clothes, her powder puffs and toilette articles and anything she wanted. The last person in the procession was a boy who carried a stool for her and would put it down wherever she wanted to sit.

## UNRAFFED COOKS.

At lunch, which she took anywhere her fancy dictated, she played a kind of solitaire game. She always started with dessert and all kinds of sweetmeats, of which she partook over freely. It was then announced that her lunch was ready. A hundred dishes were always prepared for her although, of course, she did not taste them all. She employed a 100 cooks and some idea of her staff could be gauged from the fact that there were about 700 eunuchs in the Summer Palace. Her kitchen was a wonderful place with stoves all along the walls. "Her cooks were the most unhappy people I have ever met," said Mrs. White, "for if she tasted a dish she did not like she would at once order the offending cook to be punished."

After lunch she would take a long walk. It was a very curious thing to see her ascending steps for a eunuch would walk behind her with a yellow cushion with which she only had to use her hand to feel her way. She invariably went to see her dogs which were attended by special eunuchs for that purpose. When she had done this she retired to her own apartment and went to bed. She was attended by a eunuch who was obliged to read to her all the time and even after she went to sleep, and also by a girl who massaged her until she fell into unconsciousness. Sometimes they would think she had gone to sleep and the eunuch would sit up, but in the neglect of his duty and then there was a row," said Mrs. White amid laughter. This period of sleep was the only time the Court ladies got a rest.

## FOND OF GAMBLING.

The Dowager Empress was very fond of gambling at cards. In this connection the lecturer pointed out that although Mah Jong is generally regarded as a very ancient game, it was introduced to the palace only in 1905, when the Empress Dowager was presented with a beautiful set. Mah Jong became popular at the Court. When indulging her passion for gambling the Empress Dowager would give money to her ladies to gamble with, but at the end of the game she always took care to collect it again.

Dealing with the question of eunuchs Mrs. White said that they were often recruited by kidnapping little boys. Generally speaking, the eunuchs were very wicked and were to a certain extent responsible for the fall of the Manchu régime. The trouble was that the Empress Dowager could talk freely only with her head eunuch who consequently came to be regarded as the power behind the throne. When an important official wanted anything done he had to see the head eunuch, who exacted heavy bribes. It was he who advised the Empress Dowager.

## TRADITIONAL MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Supper was taken at eight o'clock and was a meal very much like lunch. She always took it alone. If her son happened to be there he had to stand in her presence. As for the young Emperor-in-law, as she was the daughter-in-law of the Empress Dowager she had no position at all and was very brutally treated by her. At bed-time she ordered the kind of clothes the ladies were to wear the next day. She was very afraid of assassination, and when she retired for the night, in addition to the eunuch who read to her and the masseuse, a court lady was always on duty and all her amahs.

(Continued on next column).

PEKING SYNDICATE.  
PROGRESS AT THE COLLIERIES.

In their report for the year ended June 30th last the directors of the Peking Syndicate, Ltd., state that the receipts during the year amounted to £188,282, viz., interest on loans, deposit and current accounts, dividend on shares, commission and transfer fees, £42,283, and profit on collieries, £113,000. The expenditure during the period on salaries and expenses of administration in London was £12,500, in Paris £1,531, and in China £12,584, making a total of £26,615. After transferring the amounts of £8,000 and £7,519 to reserve against shares in other companies and debtors, respectively, there is left a credit balance of £116,166. Adding a credit balance of £73,402 on profit and loss account at June 30th, 1923, making a total of £189,568, which amount the directors propose should be carried forward.

The directors state that the excellent progress made at the collieries reported in respect of the previous year, has been well maintained during the period under review. The output amounted to 855,850 tons, as against 886,000 tons last year, an increase of 71,853 tons. The sales were 890,857 tons, as compared with 882,907 tons for the previous year, a decrease of 2,140 tons, due to shortage of coal wagons, great difficulty having been experienced in transporting the coal from the collieries to the various depots, and thus restricting the sales, which would otherwise have been increased. Owing to the political troubles in China very little can be done to improve the shortage of rolling stock until normal conditions prevail again in that country.

## CHINESE ART.

## LECTURE BY BRITISH MUSEUM EXPERT.

Mr. Laurence Binyon, assistant keeper of Oriental prints at the British Museum, who is perhaps better known as a poet and also as a playwright, gave an interesting lecture to the members of the Bath Literary and Philosophical Association recently on the subject of "Chinese Paintings."

The lecturer referred particularly to the paintings of the Tang period (dating from the 7th to 10th centuries), the Sung period (10th to 13th centuries), and the Ming period (14th to 17th centuries), and emphasised their surprising modern character, and beautiful clothing and design. Apart from the war paintings, he said, which existed in thousands in the great time of Chinese art, but which had practically all perished, Chinese paintings were on silk, or less frequently on paper, and in water colour or ink. Oil painting had only been practised under the influence of the Jesuits, and had never found favour.

Painting in China was considered as a branch of handwriting. The Chinese characters, of course, were written with a brush, and to write them well required a trained mastery, such as few European painters possessed. Giving examples of Chinese ink paintings, the lecturer said Chinese ink was a wonderful subject, capable of giving an infinite range of tone from the deepest, lustrous black to faint and silvery grey. What the painter wished to feel in a painting was the immediate touch of the brush, so that something of the painter's personality was communicated to them directly, just as they themselves recognized in the case of handwriting. What ever the limitations of Chinese painting, he said, no one could deny its real qualities as pure art. It was a world as yet not half explored, in which they continually wondered at the freshness of the thoughts and feeling out of which it flowered, and at the suggestion and inspiration which it held for us to-day.

The Empress Dowager possessed some of the most wonderful jewels in the world. She had no liking for diamonds but adored pearls and other precious stones. Her jewel room was larger than the Tientsin Masonic Hall and was filled with cabinets labelled with their contents. She was very generous and would give many presents; but she also liked to receive gifts and, in fact had some practically every day.

## IMPERIAL PACIFICIST.

Speaking of festival days Mrs. White referred to the Dowager Empress's fondness for theatricals which had even led her to design a stage herself. At her birthday celebrations it was customary for her to receive and to give presents, which usually consisted of foodstuffs. Although the Empress Dowager was really very cruel she used to make out that she was kind. Thus on her birthday, in accordance with Buddhist custom, she would have many cages filled with birds, take them out and release them.

Her idea of foreigners was very strange. When she received foreign ladies she would smile upon them graciously and treat them kindly. Behind their backs, however, she would criticise them unmercifully.

At the conclusion of her address, Mrs. White, who was attired in the costume of a Manchu Princess, showed a scroll bearing characters written by the Dowager Empress.









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## THE SINGAPORE BASE. DISMAY AMONG ADVOCATES OF NATIONAL ECONOMY.

Mr. John Albion writes in the *Sunday Pictorial*: The announcement in the King's speech that the Government propose to go on with the construction of the projected new naval base at Singapore, which was stopped by the Macdonald Administration, has caused dismay among advocates of national economy.

If this is the spirit in which the new Government are getting to work, instead of reducing taxation they will have to increase it. The official estimated cost of the Singapore base is £10,500,000. No public work of this character has ever been carried out at Singapore except at an enormous increase on the original estimate, and it is probable that the cost will be not less than £20,000,000.

Nor is this all. Much more outlay will really be involved. The scheme has been prepared with such extraordinary recklessness and lack of forethought that no provision whatever has been made for the military and the air defence of the proposed base. This will add greatly to the capital charges and the recurring cost, for we shall have to keep a far larger white garrison at Singapore than in the past.

Major-General Sir J. Davidson, a distinguished member of Lord Haig's staff in the later stages of the Great War, said in the Singapore debate last March that there was absolutely no necessity to keep a large land force on the spot, because you can bring it there in sufficient time. How could he convey a British Army seven thousand miles and get there in time?

I saw the Russian Fleet draw up before Port Arthur in 1904 shortly before the Japanese attacked it one dark night in February. The Russians had a military garrison of 47,000 men in Port Arthur, but they were cut off and 30,000 surrendered. We are going to make a Port Arthur at Singapore.

We are told in the resolution passed by the last Imperial Conference that the new naval base is intended to protect "the territories and trade of the Empire in Eastern waters." But whom are we going to fight there? There are only two naval Powers in the Pacific to-day, and they are Japan and the United States. We could never fight either of these Powerful navies from a base at Singapore. Our naval domination of the Pacific passed long ago.

Mr. Leopold Amery, who was once First Lord of the Admiralty, and is now Colonial Secretary, has argued that this base should be made because every year £1,000,000 worth of our traffic passes through these Eastern waters. He says that something like £160,000,000 of our ships and cargo are always afloat in that area, and Singapore is the only place from which they can be effectively defended and protected.

This argument of Mr. Amery's is the feeblest and most preposterous plea yet advanced in defence of the Singapore proposal. It must be obvious that the moment guns begin to shoot in the Pacific the whole of that British trade would disappear.

If there is one thing more than another which makes us profoundly distrust the Singapore scheme it is that it has received the fiery advocacy of Mr. Leopold Amery. He may not have been its original author, but he forced it through.

**INFORM OF JUDGMENT.**  
Mr. Amery's intimates respect his talents and his energy, but they have long been aware that his judgment is almost invariably at fault. He is the most impetuous and hot-headed man in his party, and it was largely owing to his incitement that Mr. Baldwin made the disastrous blunder of precipitating the General Election which let in the Socialists.

The next contention advanced in favour of the Singapore scheme is that in some incomprehensible manner it is expected to protect Australia and New Zealand. Against whom? It can only be Japan.

The impoverished British taxpayer is to be invited to pour millions upon millions into the sea for the supposed additional security of his brethren at the Antipodes. What share of the cost will be borne by the Dominions under the Southern Cross?

New Zealand, which clamours for the base, has offered the magnificent sum of £100,000. Australia has so far not promised anything at all, and the Australian Labour Party has condemned the whole project. It is well known that Canada will not contribute one single penny, while South Africa refuses even to look at the proposal. India gives no help whatever.

What is worse is that the Australians will not even take the most elementary and obvious steps to protect themselves. Their rich Northern Territory lies empty and defenceless, "as bare as the paunch of the purser's sow," the Naboth's vineyard of the Empire, and alluring invitation to the whole Eastern world.

They steadfastly neglect to build a strategic railway to the unpeopled North, although for twenty years they have wrangled about whether a line so imprudently required should serve, aside to feed the rapacious maw of Sydney instead of following the natural course due north from Port Augusta. Before they ask us to find millions for their security they should set their own house in order.

Mr. Lloyd George, who (breaking out in a fresh place) seems likely to be the only sincere advocate of economy in the new Parliament, has pointed out that "we are paying 2s. in the £ on the income-tax in respect of money advanced to the Allies or borrowed for them." That is nearly half the income-tax. Is this a time to engage in further mad and wasteful enterprise?  
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## A GROUP OF LIONS. STRIKING ENCOUNTER BY HUNTER IN BUSH.

Mlle. Vivienne de Watteville, of Bernes, whose father, the big game hunter, was attacked and killed by a lion in the Belgian Congo while he was pursuing a white rhinoceros, gives further particulars of the expedition which led to her father's tragic death in a letter just received by her family.

Mlle. de Watteville's letter, quoted in the *Daily Express*, was sent from Pampong Tuna River and gives a striking account of an encounter in the bush with seven lions and lionesses.

"We had a great adventure to-day," she says. "We had just finished breakfast when two excited natives rushed up and informed us that four lions were asleep in the long grass near us. We seized our rifles and some food, and with our native hunters set out for the spot, walking along the dry bed of a river.

"We had walked for two hours and, not seeing any sign of the beasts, decided to return to camp, when suddenly seven lions and lionesses appeared in front of us out of the thick, high grass only fifteen yards away.

"I was so surprised that a lion walked a few yards before me and I did not even think of shooting at it, though my rifle was in my hands. It was a fascinating and thrilling experience to be surrounded by those large lions. Father shot and wounded a lion, which with five others promptly disappeared in the high grass, but the biggest beast with a black mane stood still, looking at us curiously.

"Father had time to take careful aim and the lion fell, but soon got up and bounded into the high grass.

"We found the two lions dead later, and the natives carried their bodies to the camp, where there was much rejoicing that night. The black lion was a splendid specimen and its skin will adorn the museum at Bernes according to father's wishes.

"It is a curious fact that none of the lions made an attempt to attack us though they were within springing distance and in a way we were at their mercy."

Mlle. de Watteville's father was attacked only a few days after her letter was written and died in his daughter's arms.

"We are going to make this naval base up a fever-haunted mud creek on the verge of the equator, in one of the worst climates in the world. A medical man who knows Singapore well tells me that the selected site is an absolute fever-trap. I am fairly familiar with Singapore myself, and say emphatically that it is no place for crowded super-battleships.

Moreover, the battleship is doomed anyway, and will soon be as obsolete as the ichthyosaurus. We are going to build these immense tropical docks for a type of fighting ship which will have disappeared long before the docks are finished. A battleship now-a-days is nothing but a background for an admiral plastered with gold lace.

At the last moment an absurd anti-climax has arisen. The Government have caused it to be announced through their journalistic henchmen that Holland, who has great Eastern possessions, views the Singapore scheme favourably, and that there is every prospect of an Anglo-Dutch naval entente!

Prodigious! The whale and the sprat will link fins. If this fatuous disclosure does not kill the Singapore scheme nothing will.

It ought to be explained that these doubtless severe criticisms are made in an spirit of general hostility to the Government, but the *Sunday Pictorial* has condemned the suggested waste at Singapore from the outset, just as it condemns waste in Mesopotamia, Palestine and at home.

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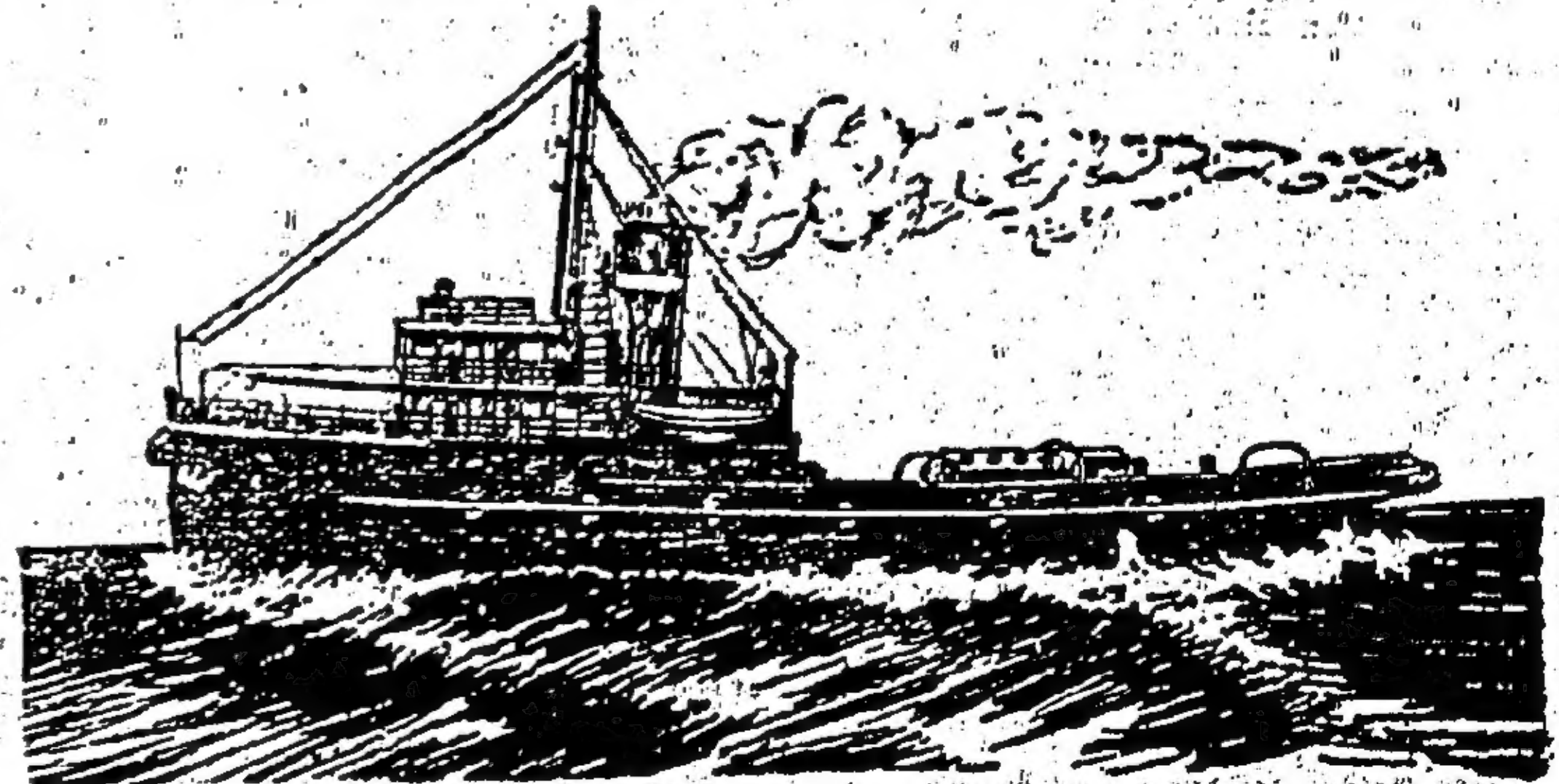
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